

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARGARET LOTHBURY†

FABRIC REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017

It has been a very busy, if somewhat frustrating year as far as the fabric of our wonderful Church is concerned.

As reported last year, we have been very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their financial support with the cost of repairs to our tower and spire. We had hoped that works would be nearing completion by now, but unfortunately have not yet been able to commence. This has been due mainly to structural and health and safety issues connected with the installation of the scaffolding. I'm pleased to report that we seem to now have a satisfactory solution and that work will start within the next few weeks. The programme of works will last approximately six months, but should be completed before our busy December schedule.

We have also now gained PCC approval to install a mobile telecommunications mast within the tower, which will produce much needed revenue. We are currently seeking confirmation that we can proceed from Historic England.

Essential maintenance has been carried out during the year and we have had one or two leaks to contend with. One of these resulted in us having to carry out some redecoration to the Church Room. We currently have a burst pipe on the roof, due to the extremely cold weather we have experienced this winter. This has been isolated and is about to be repaired.

Monitoring of our various cracks continues and has not given any cause for undue concern this year.

Nick Hull
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